

## Introduction

The practice of remembering, thanking and seeking guidance from Allah is known as prayer. In Islam, the Salat, or the five daily prayers, which are regarded as compulsory, are one of the ways to do so. A person's private requests and supplications to Allah for help and guidance are also known as dua or prayers.

This selection of prayers from the Quran and the Hadith for children of seven years and above expresses the variety and richness of prayer and is designed to be used at home, or at school. With bright and colourful illustrations, this book will encourage children to explore their own ways of praying.

The best prayers are often the ones we say naturally when we are happy, excited or sad about something. But at that time, we don't always find the right words to express our inner feelings. Reading these prayers from the Quran, you will find the best words and phrases to pray with, at any time and in any situation. In that way, you will find yourself closer to Allah, as if you were whispering to Him. Then it will not be just you alone, but an exchange between you and the Almighty, which will begin to flow, inspiring and lighting up your mind and heart. May this collection of prayers bring you wisdom and many blessings.



## Quran Quotes

“Believers are under the obligation to say their prayers at the appointed hours.” (*Al-Nisa*, 4:103)

### Dua upon Entering the Mosque

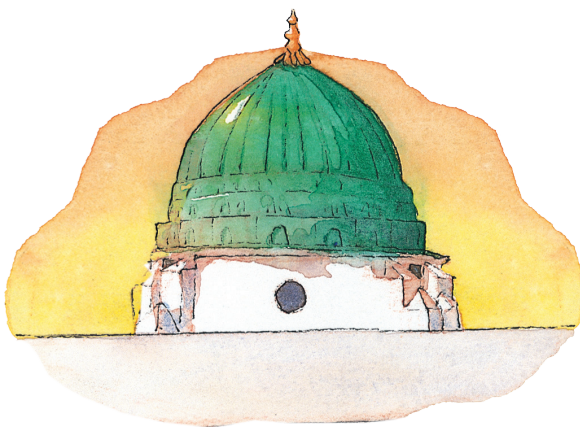
اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ لِي أَبْوَابَ رَحْمَتِكَ.

O Allah, open for me the doors of Your mercy.

### Dua upon Leaving the Mosque

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ فَضْلِكَ.

O Allah, I seek from You Your bounty.





## Duas for Journey



### Al-Khidr

Al-Khidr (the green one) is described in the Quran as one of Allah's servants who was gifted with His mercy and knowledge. Due to these gifts from Allah he could also bring about changes in the affairs of the world. The Prophet Musa (Moses) عليه السلام was asked by Allah to travel to the union of the seas and to meet Al-Khidr, so that he could share some knowledge with the Prophet Musa عليه السلام.

### The Great Ark

The Prophet Nuh عليه السلام who was commanded by Allah to build a huge ark and take on board his followers and one pair each of all the creatures. Then came a great flood in which all the wicked people were drowned.

### Quran Quotes

Say, 'Travel about the land and see what was the end of the deniers.' (Al-An'am, 6: 11)

## Dua after Breaking the Fast

ذَهَبَ الظَّمْأُ وَابْتَلَّتِ الْعُرُوقُ وَثَبَتَ الْأَجْرُ إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى.

No more is the thirst, moistened were the veins, and the reward became due, if the Lord so willed.

## Dua while Breaking the Fast at Another's House

أَفْطَرَ عِنْدَكُمْ الصَّائِمُونَ وَأَكَلَ طَعَامُكُمْ الْأَبْرَارُ  
وَصَلَّتْ عَلَيْكُمْ الْمَلَائِكَةُ.

May the observers of fast break their fast at your (table).  
May the pious take their meal (at your house) and may the angels pray for you.



## The Night of Destiny (Lailat-al-Qadr)

Lailat-al-Qadr is one day in a year, every year, in the last ten days of the month of Ramadan.

“The Night of Destiny is better than a thousand months; On that night, the angels and the Spirit come down by the permission of their Lord with His Decrees for all matters; it is all peace till the break of Dawn.” (Al-Qadr, 97:1-5)

## Awesome Facts

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ divided the month of Ramadan into three parts. He called the first ten days, “Blessings”, the next ten days, “Forgiveness” and the last ten days, “Freedom from hell-fire”. The Prophet also said, “The best days of this world are the last ten days (of Ramadan).”

## 'Id-ul-Fitr

'Id-ul-Fitr, which marks the end of Ramadan, is a day of thanksgiving and jubilation, as it signifies the successful completion of the sacred month of Ramadan. 'Id signals the start of a new year fortified by the experience of Ramadan.



## Duas at the Time of Difficulty

### Astaghfirullah

Astaghfirullah (I seek forgiveness of Allah) is an expression one uses when one feels guilty or wants to prevent oneself from doing wrong. The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ sought Allah's forgiveness more than seventy times a day. In fact, seeking Allah's forgiveness is one of the prominent signs of the true believers.

When you visit a sick or a dead person, speak well (of him), for the angels say *amin* to what you say.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ

### The Patient Man

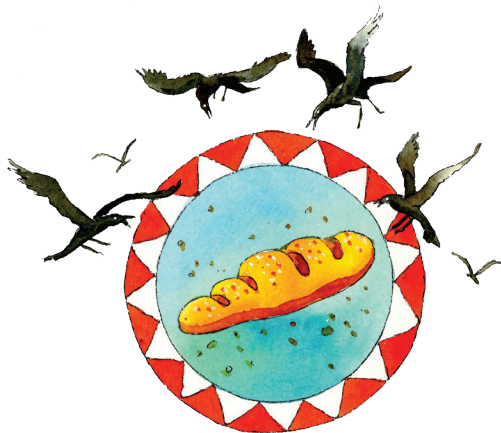
The Prophet Ayyub عليه السلام (Job) was one of the great prophets of Allah, born in Damascus, Syria. He was a rich and prosperous man and had immense faith in Allah. People felt that the Prophet Ayyub was such a faithful follower of Allah because of his riches and that if his blessings were taken away, he would not remain as faithful and grateful to Allah. Allah put him to a test by destroying all his riches, servants and family and afflicted him with an illness which lasted for 18 years. But he remained patient and held fast to his faith in Allah. All this pleased Allah and He rewarded him more than before.

## Quran Quotes

And why should we not put our trust in God when He has already guided us to our paths? We will, surely, bear with patience all the harm you do us. So in God let those who trust put their trust. (*Ibrahim*, 14:12)

### Not Hating even the Direst of Enemies

At the Battle of Uhud, the Prophet had his teeth broken by a stone thrown at him by one of the enemy, and blood streamed from his mouth. Some of the Companions urged the Prophet to curse these enemies who wrought such havoc. (Among the many Companions who died in the battle was the Prophet's own uncle, Hamzah.) The Prophet's response to this was: "I have not been sent as a curser. I have been sent as a preacher and the bearer of God's mercy."



## Quran Quotes


Those who believe and whose hearts find comfort in the remembrance of God—surely in the remembrance of God hearts can find comfort. (*Al-Ra'd*, 13: 28)

*Whoever dies free from pride, deceit and debt will enter paradise.*

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ

### Being Hopeful

In the Quran, God tells us that “no soul should despair because of its sin. Believe in God. He forgives sin and accepts repentance”. Knowing that God is forgiving brings hope to those who sincerely repent to God. Also, knowing that a fair judgement will be made in the afterlife brings peace to each individual who has experienced an injustice in this life. Without final accountability, the world would be in a state of chaos with everyone doing whatever they desire, without the fear of consequences. All deeds depend on the intention behind the deed. There will be rewards or consequences for all deeds in the Final Judgement.





## Lightning

The Quran says: "It is He who shows you the lightning, inspiring fear and hope" (Al-Ra'd 13:12) On the subject of hope, scientists have discovered that when lightning slices through the atmosphere, it knocks electrons from the nitrogen atoms, which are then free to combine with oxygen and hydrogen in the atmosphere, forming nitrates. Rain carries this new compound to the earth, enriching the soil with it. These nitrates are then synthesized by plants into proteins, which can be used by animals and humans beings.

Whenever some good news reached the Prophet, he used to prostrate himself to give thanks to God. **The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ**

## Angels

Angels are known as *malaikah* in Arabic. Allah has created them from light. They have wings. Angels are neither male nor female. Allah has made them free from sin. They are created to follow Allah's commands and serve Him. Some important angels are Jibril, who conveys Allah's messages to the prophets, Mikail, who controls rain and weather and Izrail, who takes away the souls of the creatures after putting them to death at the appointed time.

## Dua while Doing Sajdah Tilawah

سَجَدَ وَجْهِي لِلَّذِي خَلَقَهُ وَشَقَّ سَمْعَهُ وَبَصَرَهُ بِحَوْلِهِ  
وَقُوَّتِهِ فَتَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ أَحْسَنُ الْخَالِقِينَ.

My face fell prostrate before Him who created it and brought forth its faculties of hearing and seeing by His might and power. So Blessed is Allah, the best of creators.

## Dua before Slaughtering an Animal

إِنِّي وَجَّهْتُ وَجْهِيَ لِلَّذِي فَطَرَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ حَنِيفًا وَمَا  
أَنَا مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ، إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ  
رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَبِذَلِكَ أُمِرْتُ وَأَنَا  
مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، اللَّهُمَّ مِنْكَ وَلَكَ.

I have set my face truly towards Him who created the heavens and the earth, I am not among those who give partners to Him. Verily my worship and my sacrifice, my living and my dying are for Allah, Lord of worlds. He has no partners. So am I commanded and I am of those who submit.  
O Allah! From You and for You.

## Dua of the Prophet Shuayb عليه السلام

وَسِعَ رَبُّنَا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ عِلْمًا عَلَى اللَّهِ تَوَكَّلْنَا رَبَّنَا افْتَحْ بَيْنَنَا  
وَبَيْنَ قَوْمِنَا بِالْحَقِّ وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْفَاصِحِينَ ﴿٨٩﴾

Our Lord has encompassed all things in knowledge.  
Upon Allah we have relied. Our Lord, decide  
between us and our people in truth, and You are  
the best of those who give decision. (Al-A'raf, 7:89)



### The Prophet Shuayb عليه السلام

The people of Madyan, initially the followers of the Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام gradually turned away from the true faith, becoming dishonest in business and religion. They gave short measure and weight, denying others their rightful dues. Then Allah sent the Prophet Shuayb عليه السلام to reform them. But they ignored him, denying both his prophethood and their wrongdoing. They even threatened to drive the Prophet Shuayb and his followers into exile. Finally, they were punished by an earthquake destroying them all, as if they had never lived there.

## The Prophet Yunus عليه السلام

The Prophet Yunus عليه السلام was sent to the people of Nineveh to call them to the one God. But, ignoring him, they continued to worship false gods. Finally, warning them of Allah's punishment, he left Nineveh aboard a small ship. Unfortunately, when the ship faced a violent storm, his fellow passengers thought him as their ill luck and, threw him overboard and he was swallowed by a huge fish. Now, realizing his haste in asking for his people to be punished, he admitted his mistake and praised Allah from inside the fish's dark, suffocating stomach. Allah, hearing his prayer, saved him.

### Dua of the Prophet Yunus عليه السلام

فَكَادَىٰ فِي الظُّلُمَاتِ أَن لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ  
إِنِّي كُنْتُ مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٨٧﴾

But he cried out in darkness, 'There is no deity but You. Glory be to You! I was indeed wrong.' (Al-Anbiya', 21:87)



## The Prophet Dawud عليه السلام

The Prophet Dawud (David) and his son, The Prophet Sulayman (Soloman) were kings of the Children of Israel. The Prophet Dawud lived one thousand years before Christ. He was a poor shepherd boy, but the strenght of his faith made him destroy Jalut (Goliath), a giant and cruel commander of the Philistine army. This act made him very popular and he was made the king of the Children of Israel. Allah's rewards in many forms and in his case they were power, wisdom and knowledge. The Zabur (Psalms) were revealed to him.

### Dua of the Prophet Dawud عليه السلام

رَبَّنَا أَفْرِغْ عَلَيْنَا صَبْرًا وَثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَنَا وَانصُرْنَا  
عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٢٥٠﴾

Our Lord! Bestow patience upon us, make us stand firm, and help us against those who deny the truth. (Al-Baqarah, 2:250)



## Quran Quotes

It is indeed a glorious Quran, written on a preserved Tablet.  
(*Al-Buruj*, 85:21-22)



## Contents of the Quran

The Quran contains 114 chapters. Each chapter is called a surah in Arabic. Each surah has its own name, like Al-Fatihah, Al-Baqarah, Al Imran, etc. Every surah, with the exception of Surah al-Tawbah starts with the phrase, *bismillahir-rahmanir-rahim*, meaning “In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful”. Each surah contains a number of verses which are called *ayah* (pl. *ayahs*). There are more than 6000 *ayahs* in the Quran.

## The Simple Living of Ibn Umar

Abdullah ibn Umar was neither a poor man nor a miser. But he treated himself to the luxuries of high living. Once one of his friends visited him and offered him a fine elegant garment as a gift. Ibn Umar asked, "Is it silk?" "No, it is cotton," replied his friend.

After noting the elegance of the garment, he said to his friend, "No, I am afraid for myself. I fear that it should make me proud and boastful. And Allah does not love the arrogant boaster." Thus he rejected it in preference to his old coarse clothes.

Before entering someone's house, one should seek permission. One should return, if permission is not granted.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ





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